(b) if so, what is the number of such cases noticed by Government till 30th June, 1995;

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this context to check the mis-advantages of VIP LPG connections;

(d) whether Government have made any survey on illegal LPG connections being released; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No such cases have been reported to the Government.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Enquiry by NHRC into the Communal Riots in Mumbai

280. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Human Rights Commission has decided to hold an inquiry into the December, 1992 communal riots in Mumbai in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such an inquiry;

(c) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has agreed to provide necessary facilities to the Commission for this purpose; and

(d) if not, the action Government propose to take to ensure that inquiry is conducted smoothly by the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission has revived the cases relating to December, 1992 Mumbai riots which are pending before it. The Commission had decided not to proceed with these cases earlier since the Maharashtra Government had constituted the Srikrishna Commission of Inquiry into these incidents, in view of the bar provided in section 36(1) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, As the Srikrishna Commission has now been wound up, the National Human Rights Commission has revived these cases and decided to dispose them of.

(c) and (d) The National Human Rights Commission is competent to undertake the investigation on its own as per procedure outlined in the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. The Commission will seek State Government's help, as and when necessary. The Commission does not anticipate any difficulty in the smooth conduct of the inquiry of these cases.

Speed Post Services in West/East Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh

281. SHRI YERRA NARAYANSWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether speed post delivery system will be extended to more centres in West Godavari and East Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of such proposals in 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no plan of extension of Speed Post facility in 1996-97 to more centres in East Godavari and West Godavari Districts of Andhra Pradesh.

Hike in the price of LPG Cylinder in Andhra Pradesh

282. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all four companies engaged in marketing LPG in the State of Andhra Pradesh have increased the prices of their L.P.G. cylinders;

(b) whether prior approval of Government was obtained before increasing prices by the companies;

(c) whether Government were satisfied about the steps taken by the companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Presently IOC, BPC and HPC are engaged in the marketing of LPG. The price of packed LPG (domestic) was revised in June, 1995 all over the country including Andhra Pradesh consequent to increase in the LPG distributors' commission.

12.00 NOON

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Reports and Accounts (1992-93) and (1993-94) of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): Madam I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi, for the year 1992-93, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9084/96]

(ii) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9085/96]

(iii) Statement by Government accepting the above Reports. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9086/96]

(iv) Statements giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) and (ii) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9087/96]

I. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Dredging Corporation of India Ltd., Visakhapatnam and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Kandla Dock Labour Board, Kandla and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Visakhapatnam Dock Labour Board Visakhapatnam and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): Madam I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act 1956:—

(i) Nineteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Dredging Corporation of India Limited, Visakhapatnam, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9293/96]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 5E of the Dock Workers (Regulation of